

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Alexandria Division**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

ZACKARY ELLIS SANDERS,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:20-cr-00143  
The Honorable Judge Ellis

Pretrial Conference: April 9, 2021  
Trial: April 26, 2021

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO SEAL DEFENDANT’S MOTION  
FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING ALEXANDRIA ADULT DETENTION CENTER TO  
PROVIDE MEDICAL TREATMENT PRESCRIBED BY NEUROLOGIST**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Zackary Ellis Sanders, by counsel, moves this Honorable Court, pursuant to Local Crim. R. 49, for entry of an Order permitting his Motion to Seal Defendant’s Motion for an Order Requiring Alexandria Adult Detention Center to Provide Medical Treatment Prescribed by Neurologist and exhibit thereto under seal. Sealing is necessary because it contains private medical information.

**II. ARGUMENT**

The Motion for an Order Requiring Alexandria Adult Detention Center to Provide Medical Treatment Prescribed by Neurologist and exhibit thereto should be sealed because it contains confidential and medical information that the public would not, under any other circumstances, be entitled to see. It is true that judicial proceedings are generally open to the public and that there exists, while not a First Amendment right, a common law right of public access to judicial records and documents. *Media Gen. Operations, Inc. v. Buchanan*, 417 F.3d 424, 429 (4th Cir. 2005) (citing *Balt. Sun Co. v. Goetz*, 886 F.2d 60, 64-65 (4th Cir. 1989)). The presumption of the right

of access can be rebutted if countervailing interests heavily outweigh the public interests in access. *Virginia Dep't of State Police v. Washington Post*, 386 F.3d 567, 575 (4th Cir. 2004). The party seeking to overcome the presumption bears the burden of showing some significant interest that outweighs the presumption. *Id.* at 575. Ultimately the decision to seal is a matter best left to the sound discretion of the district court. *Washington Post*, 386 F.3d at 575. With respect to medical records in particular, the Eastern District of Virginia has previously held that such records are entitled to privacy protection and may be filed under seal. *James v. Service Source, Inc.*, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 86169 at \*12 (Nov. 21, 2007 E.D. Va.).

Finally, sealing, as opposed to redaction, is necessary to protect the confidential information contained in the document is confidential in its entirety.

### III. CONCLUSION

Defendant respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order providing that Defendant's Motion for an Order Requiring Alexandria Adult Detention Center to Provide Medical Treatment Prescribed by Neurologist and exhibit thereto shall be permanently filed under seal.

Respectfully submitted,

ZACKARY ELLIS SANDERS  
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Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notification of such filing (NEF) to counsel of record.

/s/ Jonathan Jeffress

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